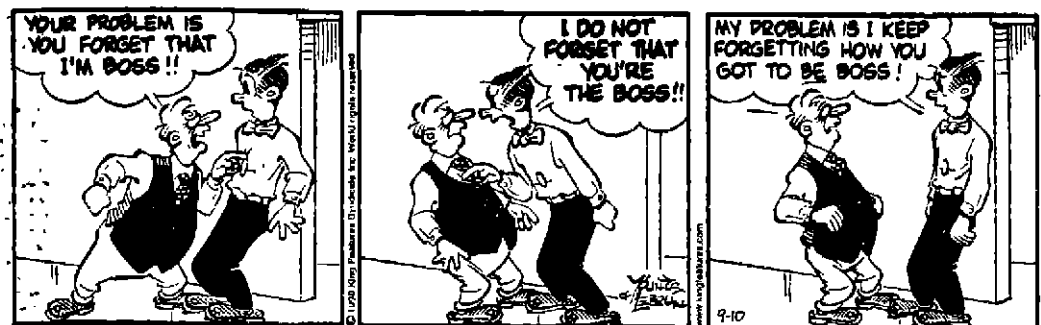


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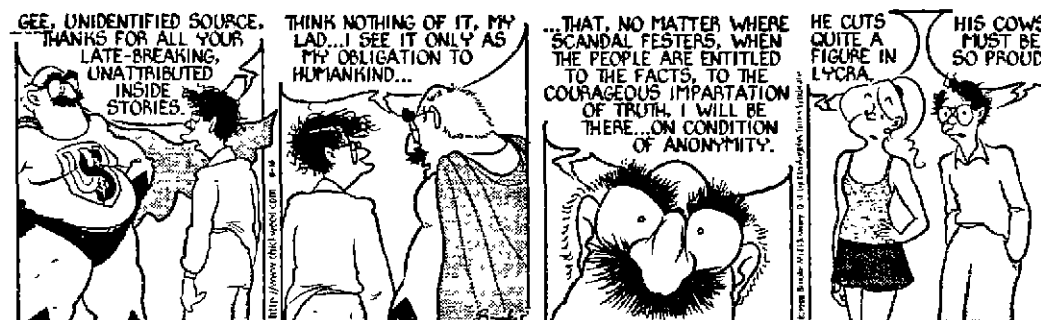
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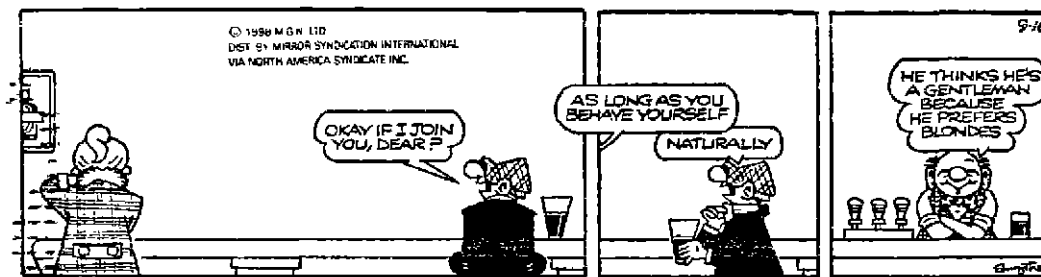
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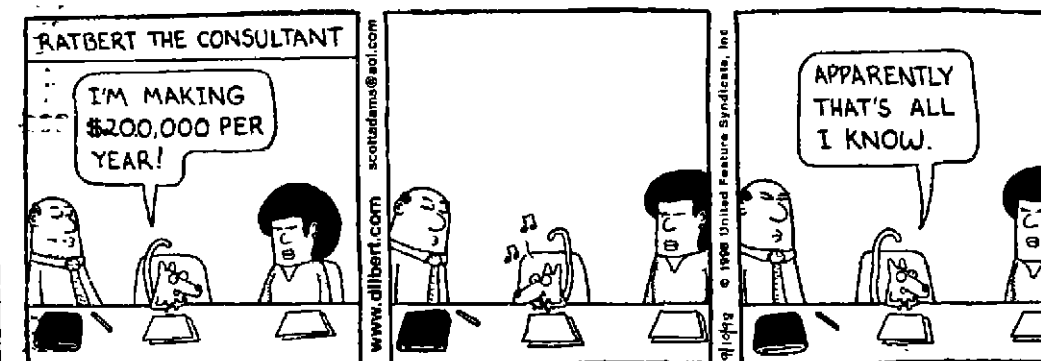
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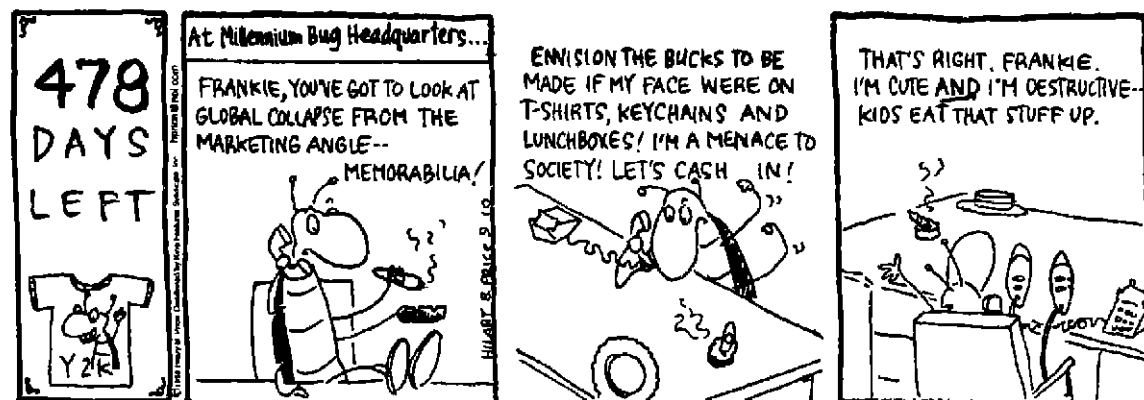
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Sept. 11, 1998

don't focus too long on any single topic.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your checkbook might need careful attention. Don't spend without knowing the exact amount at your disposal.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are in full command of your communicative powers. People are going to be dazzled by your sparkling wit.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel strangely separate from the events around you, as though they were only a movie.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't explore uncharted territory today. Instead, throw a party at your house.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Throw yourself into detail work, focusing on tasks that involve communication.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might have an intellectual breakthrough. Even if you don't, you are likely to have stimulating interactions with the people you know.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The deeper meaning of things might come clear to you in a flash.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Relationships with others might demand attention, reminding you that you do, in fact, have a personal life.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't waste your time on pointless arguments. Take pride in your work, and soon someone else will see your efforts.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Love is in the air — but not at work! At the office dive into creative pursuits; you that you do, in fact, succeed at anything.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Grab a good book and settle down for a day of rest.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Pitching terms

M S P M J H E B Y R V T Q O L
I H G L D B Y W T E R P D M K
I F C W O D B Y W V U A N S H
Q O M T A S K I F E D R U T C
B Z X W E P (S T R I K E O U T)
U S Q V O R H E N L L T M O I
J H A F D C T T S E A T Y T P
W S V T K R K S U R S I Q U D
P N L K A L L I N O H H F H L
E C B T Z G A B N I S O R S I
Y W S V U S W B R Q W N P N W

Wednesday's unlisted clue. GIGGLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: ELEVATED PITCHER'S AREA

Balk	Reliever	Southpaw	Walk
ERA	Rosin bag	Starter	Wild pitch
Losses	Saves	Stretch	Wins
No-hitter	Shutout	Strikeout	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0730

ACROSS
1 Pieces of two-pieces
5 Some whistle blowers
9 Bomb
14 Abundant
15 Checkup
16 Bizarre
17 Analogy words
18 Conn of "Grease"
19 Antidiscrimination grp. since 1909
20 T. S. Eliot work
23 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer
24 Deep green
25 Nav. rank
26 Familia members
29 Kind of apartment
23 "McTeague" novelist Frank
36 Beyond
38 Early Clark Gable film, with "The"
40 Grammy winner
41 Like most mail
42 First elected Congresswoman
45 Distort, as survey results
46 Endorsed
48 Herculean athletes
51 Stinkpot
53 Eugene O'Neill's only comedy
55 1836 battle site
58 Maori sentiment
60 California's Valley
61 Plant tissue
62 Computer menu option
63 River of Hesse
64 This might give you a flat
65 Sales force
66 Hourly fee, e.g.
DOWN
1 Hardly thinking
2 Storm, as a building
3 Long-stemmed flowers
4 Exhibits
5 Garibaldi adherent in revolutionary Italy
6 Turnpike feature
7 Get lighter
8 Show one's pearly whites
9 Italian
10 Mammal, usually
11 Actress Hagen
12 Basketball's path
13 Bank acct entry
21 Respond to, as information
22 Radio settings
23 Sixth Jewish month
26 Wah
27 Initial follower
28 Son of Zeus

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
DICTA WEANS DAM
INREM HELOT RNA
SHARPTONGUE EDT
MANILA ONEPART
ALI ENTER PUREE
LEAD TONEA RIAL
SURIER DOLES

SALEM GEESE
DOUT STEER USSR
LYSES EDELL EPA
LIBERIAN NOISES
TEA FLATSTONACH
MAY TONKA MAMIE
ENE SETON SNEER

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Rabbu Waff

One of the major differences between an average player and a champion is how each approaches the seemingly routine play. Test your declarer play in today's game. What would you lead at trick two? West attacks South's weak spot, forcing a high honor on the first trick. Because it's obvious the game will depend on scoring four of dummy's diamonds, South's primary concern is that the diamond ace is twice guarded and that a holdup will isolate the suit. If that is his only fear, he's likely to overlook another danger. Leading a careless diamond tray at trick two loses the game. Dummy's king goes to East's ace, and a spade return clears the suit. Unfortunately for South, when South leads to dummy's diamond queen, a discard from East ruins South's hopes. The suit blocks, and South can win only two diamonds. How does the champion play his diamonds? At trick two, instead of leading his diamond tray, he leads his nine. When he wins his second spade, he leads his eight to dummy's diamond jack, and the position is exposed. Now South returns to his club ace to lead his diamond tray, finessing against West's 10 to pick up four diamond winners and his game. For the champion, unblocking plays are routine. For most, some thought is required.

NORTH		WEST		EAST		SOUTH	
♠ J 7 2	♠ 10 8 6 3	♠ 9 5 4	♠ A K	♠ 9 5 4	♠ A K	♠ 9 5 4	♠ A K
♥ 8 3	♥ K 10 2	♥ J 9 6 5	♥ A Q 7 4	♥ J 9 6 5	♥ A Q 7 4	♥ J 9 6 5	♥ A Q 7 4
♦ K Q J 7 4	♦ 10 6 5 2	♦ A	♦ 8 3	♦ A	♦ 8 3	♦ A	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 4 3	♣ 5	♣ J 9 7 6	♣ J 9 7 6	♣ J 9 7 6	♣ J 9 7 6	♣ J 9 7 6	♣ J 9 7 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Spade six

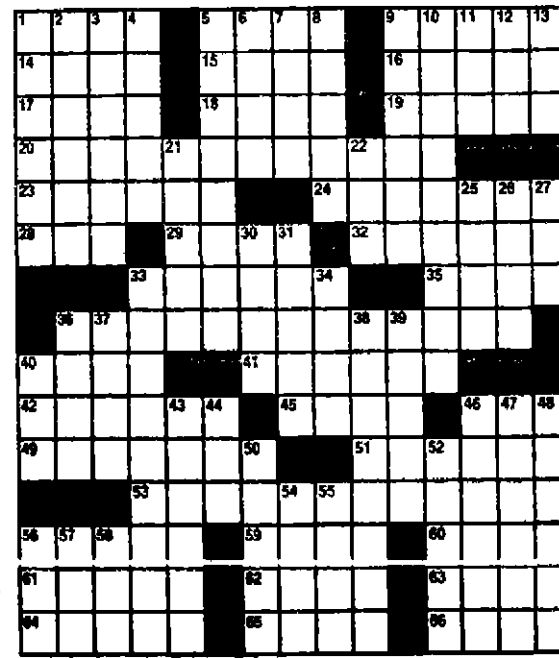
BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Larry Sunser, Joe Fortino; second, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; Sunday evening, first, Adeline Nash, Joe Conrad, Rita Dewey, Ron Dewey; second, Mike Walsh, Sharon Ausman, Larry Spooner, Howard Cring; Monday morning, first, Bob Price, Milt Rosenblum; second, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; Monday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Joanne Baccile; second, John DeMarr, Murray Hall; Tuesday evening, first, Monny Moncrief, Jeffrey King; second, Barbara Lorenz, Gail Callahan; Wednesday evening, first, Mary Walsh, Mike Walsh; second, Joanne Baccile, Judy Zatony, Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers; 2 NS, John Beauchamp, Janet Sinclair; 1 EW, Ginny Cluse, Alma Leech; 2 EW, Joanne Greenhouse, Sheri Macht; Thursday evening, first, Mike Walsh, Sharon Ausman; second, Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder; Friday morning, first/second, Edie Farnham, Dan Appar; Bob Price, Bob Tucker, third/fourth, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; Joe Conrad, Janet Sinclair; Friday evening, first, Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder; second, Howie Cring, Carmen Swenson.

Concord: 1 NS, Laura Distin, Fran Dussault; 2 NS, Fran McCarthy, Mildred Wells; 1 EW, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; 2 EW, Helene Gove, Louise Staring.
Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Muriel Herr, Dorothy Wilson; 2 NS, Shirley Ashkin, Irma Silverstein; 1 EW, Barbara Biron, Lili Black; 2 EW, Ivy Besdin, Ethel Goldberg.
Liverpool: 1 NS, Howard Johnrow, Judy Butcher; 2 NS, Mildred Wells, Barbara Reinschmidt; 2 NS, Fran McCarthy, Joan Phillips; 2 EW, Gerry Wurdinger, Fran Dussault.
Stonehedge: 1 NS, Lauri Dessrussieux, Jackie Oslica; 2 NS, Mildred Wells, Judy Zatony; 1 EW, Marie O'Brien, Milly Roarbaugh; 2 EW, Joan Liddle, Louise Staring.
Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Nick Clano, John Hemmer; second, Dan Boyle, Mary Ann Finn; Thursday afternoon, first, Dennis Cleary, Diana Cleary; second, Mary Ann Finn, Anne O'Brien; Thursday evening, first, Ron Dewey, Julie Bailey; second, Joe Conrad, Adeline Nash.
Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Fay Wray is 91. Golfer Arnold Palmer is 69. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 61. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 56. Singer Jose Feliciano is 53. Actress Judy Geeson is 50. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 48. Actress Amy Irving is 45. Actress Kale Burton is 41. Actor Colin Firth is 38. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 38. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 32. Rock singer-musician Miles Zuniga (Fastball) is 32. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 30.



Puzzle by Rich Morris

31 They may be chosen
32 Ricky and Lucy, e.g.
34 Wounded Knee locale: Abbr.
36 "I Kid You Not"
37 Flower through Florence
38 Weather
39 Drainage system
40 Scanner, for short
43 Words after "Honey"

44 "What's —?"
46 One of the Iroquois
47 Fale
48 Want
50 More refined
52 Goose genus
54 Vein
56 Persistently annoying sound
58 Rock's — Rose
59 Bleaching agent
60 Cockthorn
61 Parakee

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